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## **Pleasants Power Station to remain open; Gov. Justice thanks President Trump, Energy Sec. Perry, others for helping him keep coal-fired plant on-line**

**CHARLESTON, WV** – Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement today after it was learned that the First Energy Pleasants Power Station will remain in operation. The plant was scheduled to close in January 2019.

"First Energy has notified the regional grid administrator, PJM, that it intends to keep the plant, that employs 160 people, operational until June 1, 2022," Gov. Justice said.

"I have worked hard with President Trump, Energy Secretary Rick Perry, First Energy CEO Chuck Jones and many Legislators and County Commissioners to

make sure this plant stays open," Gov. Justice added. "While the plant will remain operational until June 2022, today's announcement will provide a cushion for First Energy Solutions to stabilize the operation. I am hopeful that over the next three and a half years a permanent fix for the long-term operation of the facility will be reached so that it remains a vital part of America's power grid. I am encouraged that the men and women who work at this plant will be there producing power for our country for decades to come."



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